

Proposal for One Church Ministries

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Mission Statement

- **Colossians 3:15** *Let the peace of Christ also rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body, and be thankful.*

The focus of this ministry is to find common ground between those Christians in the church and those of us that feel disillusioned from it. The disenfranchised portion of the church is a big part of the body of Christ, so many people feel they don't have a home within a church. This also goes beyond just subculture people; it includes those from all walks of life. We believe the church is to be a place of community, fellowship and growth not one of division, fear and judgment.

- **Romans 12:4-5** *For we have many parts in one body, but these parts do not all have the same function. In the same way, even though we are many people, we are one body in Christ and individual parts connected to each other.*

We are all one body but too many have felt like an unwanted appendage. This is not a ministry of anger towards the church but one that wants to help heal those on both sides who have been hurt by disillusionment. We are people who have felt hurt by the church and have decided to minister to those who feel the same. The problem is that before we can effectively evangelize the un-churched we need to first try and unify the body of Christ. Many of the disenfranchised people want to belong and be accepted badly they just don't know how they can do that and keep their identity. These are Christian people who love God with all their heart. They share Christ with others and desire to worship with their brothers and sisters without judgment.

Objectives Our Goals and Vision

1. **Reaching the Disenfranchised:** Our main goal is to seek out and build relationships with those people who are Christians in the greater Harrisburg area but may not fit in with the status quo. We feel there is a large number of a believer who seem to fall between the cracks and are forgotten. These outcasts are people who share a love for Christ but are disenfranchised from the mainstream church. For some reason, and there are many, this disconnect happened that has caused this disillusionment. Our hope is to provide a place where they can reconnect with a community of believers that are like them both culturally and spiritually.
2. **Reaching our Culture:** We also have a passion to reach those who are outcast by society for Christ. These are people who have not found a place with in Christianity but are open to the idea of a relationship with Christ. They often feel unwelcome with in many churches because of their appearance or lifestyle. It is because of this they have become jaded toward the idea of religion. Our hope is to show the true face of Christ through building meaningful and lasting relationships.
3. **Bridging the Gap:** One of our main focuses is to build relationships with local pastors and churches that share our vision of creating unity among believers. As members of the disenfranchised portion of the body of Christ we feel the need to try and reconnect in some way. Through building relationships with churches in our community we hope to start to figure out where this problem began and how we can mend it. We also hope to show churches how much we need there prayer and support as we often are out ministering in hostile environments.
4. **Community Outreach:** Finally we want to provide a place for the community to enjoy. Our vision is a community art space where performers, artists and others can showcase & display their talents. We hope to secure a storefront to serve as our offices, art space and a place to hold bible studies. The art space would hold solo acoustic concerts, local artists exhibits, spoken word and lecture series. We feel by providing a place for the community to express themselves we can affectively build relationships and find where the greater needs are. The ministry would offer bible studies and other meetings for people who desire to know more about what we believe. We also would have our offices with in the space so people could reach us easier.

Our Needs

- **Prayer:** First we are asking churches and individuals to pray for us as we seek out those who could benefit from our ministry. Pray that we are able to build relationships with hurting Christians and also minister to those who are not believers in our community.
- **Networking:** We are seeking to build relationships with pastors, churches and other ministries who support what we are doing. We would like to build a network of that we can use to help reach the disenfranchised as well as provide them with resources we do not have.
- **A Space:** Our goal is to find a storefront or building within the Harrisburg Area to hold our weekly bible study as well as have an office. In addition we would use this space as a community art space where local artist could display there works. We would also like to allow for singers/songwriters to perform.
- **Business Help:** We are hoping to also build relationships with local business people and others who could help us set up our non profit and secure a building. We understand how complicated it can be to do many of the business things we hope to accomplish so having a professional helping us would be a huge blessing.
- **Financial/Sponsorships:** We seek to find people who might be interested in helping us in many ways from actual ministry help to churches that might want to sponsor us. We realize that finances are important to ministry but not the main focus. It is because of this that we are hoping to find some groups, churches and individuals that may be willing to help provide financial support.
- **Advertising:** Finally we need help spreading the word about us. We have several ways to connect to our ministry on our website www.one-church.org. Our hope is through a community effort we can reach those who have been outcast or alienated by the mainstream Christian culture and give them a place to reconnect with other Christians like them.